

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-3214

April 27, 2022

Dear Chair Rosa DeLauro and Ranking Member Tom Cole:

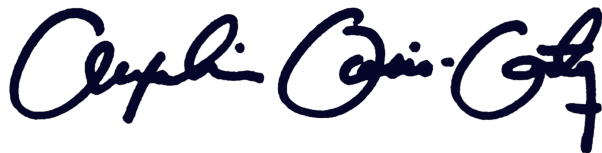
I am requesting funding for the Teen Academy & Mental Health Programming in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens, Inc., located at 21-12 30TH Road, Astoria, NY, 11102.

The funding would be used to expand the Teen Academy, which offers free college and career readiness training. In addition, the implementation of a Mental Health program to assist with youth coming out of COVID and back into the mainstream of life after being impacted with remote learning for at least a year so that they can thrive and succeed in the Queens community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, reading "Alex Ocasio-Cortez" in a cursive, stylized script.

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Member of Congress